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# HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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- Location: Monument Avenue and Davis Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.
- Significance: The monument to confederate president Jefferson Davis, one of several monuments to confederate heroes lining Monument Avenue, is a grand, Beaux-Arts design.
- Description: A 60'-high column surmounted by the allegorical figure Vindictrix is framed by a Doric colonnade. The statue of Davis is located at the base of the column.
- History: The memorial to confederate president Jefferson Davis was unveiled in 1907. Sculptor Edward V. Valentine and architect William C. Noland collaborated on the design.
- Project Information: Documentation of Monument Avenue was undertaken in summer 1991 by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER), a division of the National Park Service, Washington, D.C., under the general direction of Robert J. Kapsch, chief. The project was sponsored by the Monument Avenue Centennial Committee, Millie Jones and Ceci Amrhein, co-chairpersons, and Sylvia Summers, director of development. Funding was provided by the Historic Monument Avenue and Fan District Foundation, the City of Richmond, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the Historic Richmond Foundation, the F. M. Kirby Foundation, Inc., and the Robert G. Cabell III and Maude Morgan Cabell Foundation.
- HABS senior historian Alison K. Hoagland directed the project and compiled this historical report. Kathy Edwards (University of California at Berkeley) was the field supervisor; Esme Howard (Yale University) and Toni Prawl (University of Missouri) were the team historians. Jonathan C. Spodek, AIA, produced architectural drawings and Jack Boucher took the photographs. The team's work resulted in the publication Monument Avenue. Researchers are referred to that volume for more information.